THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Law and order situation in North Eastern region

467. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the deterioration in the law and order situation in the North-Eastern region as pointed out in an editorial in the Hindustan Times dated the 14th February, 1995 captioned "A routine red alert";

(b) if so, what efforts have so far been made by Government to seal such border so that the Myanmarese rebel outfits could be prevented from crossing over to the North-Eastern States; and

(c) whether the Centre's apathy/ad-hocist policy towards the North-East has come under scathing attack from several regional forums; if so, what steps Government of India propose to take to find out some lasting solutions to this ticklish problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) The Government has seen the editorial and is concerned about the security situation in certain parts of the North-Eastern Region.

(b) Owing to the long and difficult terrain of the Indo-Myanmar border, it is not considered feasible to completely and effectively seal the entire border. However, security force personnel have been deployed at identified points. Further, in pursuance of the Agreement signed in January, 1994 with the Government of Myanmar, four Indo-Myanmar sectoral level meetings have been held with a view to increasing cooperation for curbing activities of a negative nature and for maintenance of peace and tranquility along the border.

(c) A series of measures have been taken under the policy of the Government to deal firmly with those indulging in violent activities while simultaneously continuing efforts to encourage them to join the mainstream of national life, provided they abjure violence and agree to work within the Constitution of India. In addition a multipronged strategy is being followed for dealing with the complex set of factors afflicting the North-Eastern States including its economic development.

AK party meet on TADA Issue

468. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering to dilute or withdraw the Terrorist and Disruptive Activities (Prevention) Act;

(b) whether it is also a fact that situation in Kashmir, North-East and in other parts of the country warrant measures to deal with insurgency and anti-national activities;

(c) what are the legal provisions available to Government to meet the aforesaid situations;

(d) whether Government propose to convene an all party meet to arrive at a consensus in this matter; and

(e) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (e) All aspects of the matter, including the issues arising out of the Supreme Court Judgement on TADA, are under examination of the Government.